

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

NETLIST, INC.,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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) Case No. 2:22-cv-293-JRG (Lead Case)
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD, ET AL.,)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants.)
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NETLIST, INC.,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
) Case No. 2:22-cv-294-JRG (Member Case)
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) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.; MICRON SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS, INC.; MICRON TECHNOLOGY TEXAS LLC,)
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Defendants.)
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**MICRON'S DAUBERT MOTION AND MOTION TO STRIKE
EXPERT TESTIMONY OF PETER GILLINGHAM**

The Micron Defendants (“Micron”) hereby respectfully move to strike certain sections of the report of Plaintiff’s expert Peter Gillingham that (i) were not timely disclosed to Micron; (ii) solely involve the Samsung co-defendants; and/or (iii) merely parrot documents and witness testimony without providing any expert analysis.

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY

An expert may testify only if “(a) the expert’s scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue; (b) the testimony is based on sufficient facts or data; (c) the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods; and (d) the expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case.” Fed. R. Evid. 702; *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Phanns., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 592-93 (1993). The proponent of expert opinions must demonstrate admissibility by a preponderance of the evidence. *Moore v. Ashland Chem. Inc.*, 151 F.3d 269,276 (5th Cir. 1998) (en banc).

This Court has struck portions of expert reports that merely “parrot facts from the documents and witnesses without adding any expert analysis.” *United Services Automobile Association v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 2:18-CV-00366-JRG-RSP, 2019 WL 6896674, at *2 (E.D.Tex., Dec. 12, 2019) (internal quotations omitted).

II. ARGUMENTS

A. The Court Should Strike the Untimely Produced Portions of Mr. Gillingham’s Reports That Were Previously Redacted

The Court should strike the paragraphs of Mr. Gillingham’s report that were redacted when served upon Micron and only unredacted weeks *after* the deadline for expert reports.

More specifically, Netlist served a report by Mr. Gillingham to Micron on December 21,

2023 on the deadline for expert reports.¹ The report included significant redactions over many pages. *See Ex. A* (Peter Gillingham Redacted Report) at ¶ 38, 70, 76-79, 85, 90, 110, 112-113, 124, 126-127, 135 and footnotes 16, 43, 79, 91, 98, 110. Netlist did not produce to Micron an unredacted version until January 11, 2024. Indeed, Netlist made this untimely production in the middle of the Mr. Gillingham deposition conducted jointly by Micron and the Samsung co-defendants.

Micron's request does not pose any unfair prejudice to Netlist. Mr. Gillingham confirmed during his deposition that his Report was a combined report addressing issues in both the *Samsung* litigation (Case No. 293) and the *Micron* litigation (Case No. 294), and that the redacted portions are only directed to Samsung confidential information. *Ex. B* (Gillingham Rough Dep. Tr.) at 19:15-20:21 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Micron is only seeking to strike the Samsung-related portions that were not timely disclosed in the *Micron* litigation (Case No. 294) because they were redacted, and Netlist is free to use the redacted Samsung related information in its other *Samsung* litigation (Case No. 293), if appropriate.

B. The Court Should Strike the Portions of Mr. Gillingham's Report That Deal Solely With the Samsung Co-Defendants.

The Court should also strike the un-redacted paragraphs of Mr. Gillingham's report that deal solely with *Samsung* litigation (Case No. 293) issues. Specifically:

- Paragraphs 37, 39, 48-50, 52,² 54, 97-98, 107, and 125-126 repeat deposition

¹ The report was strangely included a signature block that was unsigned, but Mr. Gillingham confirmed at deposition that the unsigned report offered his opinions.

² Mr. Gillingham does not provide a specific citation to the earlier *Samsung* litigation in this paragraph, but generally refers to *Samsung* testimony “[a]s set forth above, [where] Netlist's witnesses testified ...”.

testimony taken in an earlier *Netlist v Samsung* litigation (E.D.Tex. Case No. 463) where Micron was not a consolidated co-defendant or otherwise able to cross-examine;

- Paragraph 35 identifies specific Samsung acquisition and sales of patents;
- Paragraph 50 alleges that Samsung applied “pressure” on Netlist in 2018 and cites to emails between Samsung and Netlist;
- Paragraph 59 refers solely to a Samsung witness not relevant to Micron;
- Paragraph 60 (and its footnotes) refers solely to Samsung subpoenas and production in the earlier *Netlist v Samsung* litigation (E.D.Tex. Case No. 463) and its counsel “Fish & Richardson”;
- Paragraph 69 refers to an alleged Samsung “admission” made to the Korean government;
- Paragraphs 84-116 provide opinions relevant to “Samsung’s Standards/Equitable Estoppel Defense”;
- Paragraphs 120-122 provide opinions relevant to Netlist’s U.S. Patent No. 10,268,608 which is asserted in the *Samsung* Case No. 293 litigation not the *Micron* Case No. 294 litigation;
- Paragraphs 151 refers to a deposition of Mr. Halbert during Samsung IPR proceedings where Micron was not a co-defendant or otherwise able to cross-examine; and
- Paragraph 160 quotes Judge Gilstrap from a pre-trial *Samsung* conference where Micron was not a co-defendant or otherwise present.

None of these paragraphs help a trier of fact “understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue” for the *Micron* Case No. 294 between Netlist and Micron. Rule 702. Indeed, for many of the testimonial proceedings cited, Micron was not present to conduct cross-examination

and is unfairly prejudiced by admission of the untested hearsay testimony. Netlist is not prejudiced by Micron’s request to strike these paragraphs because, as stated in the previous section, Micron is only seeking to strike the Samsung-related paragraphs in the *Micron* (Case No. 294), and Netlist is free to use the Samsung related information in its other *Samsung* litigation (Case No. 293), if appropriate.

C. The Court Should Strike the Portions of Mr. Gillingham’s Report That Merely Parrot Documents and Witness Testimony Without Adding Expert Analysis

The Court should strike the paragraphs of Mr. Gillingham’s report that merely quote documents or witness testimony without providing expert analysis. These portions do not “help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue and thus should be excluded as expert testimony.” *United Services Automobile Association*, 2019 WL 6896674, at *3 (internal quotations omitted). Specifically, the Court should strike:

- Paragraphs 44-46 which merely parrot the disclosure of alleged presentations (by Netlist and TI) and JEDEC meeting minutes without adding expert analysis or opinion. Paragraph 46 also merely repeats a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *without providing any supporting citation or underlying bases* for the allegation;³

- Paragraph 67 merely parrot the contents of “notes” that Netlist witness Mr. Scott Milton brought to his deposition without adding expert analysis or opinions;
- Paragraphs 37, 39, 48-50, 52, 54, 97-98, 107, and 125-126 repeat Samsung deposition testimony taken in an earlier *Netlist v Samsung* litigation (E.D.Tex. Case No. 463),

³ Mr. Gillingham admitted during deposition that Netlist “counsel told [him] this” contention and he also reviewed “some documents related to Netlist’s lawsuit” against Texas Instruments which were not produced and he couldn’t otherwise identify. Ex. B at 54:6-56:24.

where Micron was not a consolidated co-defendant or otherwise able to cross-examine, without adding expert analysis or opinions; and

- Paragraph 151 refers to a deposition of Mr. Halbert during Samsung IPR proceedings, where Micron was not a co-defendant or otherwise able to cross-examine, without adding expert analysis or opinions.

United Services Automobile Association is illustrative. There, the Court struck paragraphs in an expert's report, where the expert mere recited the background of an industry and other facts "largely through the summation of various documents and testimony." 2019 WL 6896674, at *2. The Court found that these paragraphs" do not employ Mr. Calman's expertise to help the jury understand facts or issues beyond a lay person's understanding ... [and] do not contain expert opinions useful to the jury." *Id.* Similarly, here, Mr. Gillingham's parroting of presentations, notes and testimony adds no expertise and should be struck. Like in *United Services Automobile Association*, Micron does not object to Mr. Gillingham "providing factual testimony regarding the topics covered in these paragraphs to the extent such testimony is within [his] personal knowledge as a fact witness." *Id.* But dressing up summaries of factual documents and testimony as expert opinions—without providing any expert analysis—is improper, prejudicial and should be struck.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Micron respectfully requests that the Court grant Micron's motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on January 16, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served on all counsel of record via the Court's ECF system.

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO FILE UNDER SEAL

I hereby certify that the foregoing document and exhibits attached hereto are authorized to be filed under seal pursuant to the Protective Order entered in this Case.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that counsel for Micron and Netlist met and conferred regarding Micron's Daubert Motion and Motion to Strike Expert Testimony of Peter Gillingham. Netlist's counsel indicated that Netlist opposes Micron's motion.

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